

HOUSE BILL NO. 306

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act declaring a state energy policy."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
4 to read:

5 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that

6 (1) the state achieve a 15 percent increase in energy efficiency on a per capita
7 basis between 2010 and 2020;

8 (2) the state receive 50 percent of its electric generation from renewable
9 energy sources by 2025;

10 (3) the state work to ensure a reliable in-state gas supply for residents of the
11 state;

12 (4) the power project fund (AS 42.45.010) serve as the main source of state
13 assistance for energy projects.

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.99 is amended by adding a new section to read:

15 **Sec. 44.99.115. Declaration of state energy policy.** The State of Alaska

1 recognizes that the state's economic prosperity is dependent on available, reliable, and
2 affordable residential, commercial, and industrial energy to supply the state's electric,
3 heating, and transportation needs. The state also recognizes that worldwide supply and
4 demand for fossil fuels and concerns about global climate change will affect the price
5 of fossil fuels consumed by Alaskans and exported from the state to other markets. In
6 establishing a state energy policy, the state further recognizes the immense diversity of
7 the state's geography, cultures, and resource availability. Therefore, it is the policy of
8 the state to

9 (1) institute a comprehensive and coordinated approach to supporting
10 energy efficiency and conservation by

11 (A) establishing statewide energy efficiency codes for new and
12 renovated residential, commercial, and public buildings;

13 (B) decreasing public building energy consumption through
14 conservation measures and energy-efficient technologies; and

15 (C) initiating and supporting a program to educate state
16 residents on the benefits of energy efficiency and conservation, including
17 dissemination of information on state and federal programs that reward energy
18 efficiency;

19 (2) encourage economic development by

20 (A) promoting the development of renewable energy resources,
21 including geothermal, wind, solar, hydroelectric, hydrokinetic, tidal, and
22 biomass energy, for use by Alaskans and for export;

23 (B) promoting the development, transport, and efficient use of
24 nonrenewable energy resources, including natural gas, coal, oil, gas hydrates,
25 heavy oil, and nuclear energy, for use by Alaskans and for export;

26 (C) working to identify and assist with development of the
27 most cost-effective, long-term sources of energy for each community
28 statewide;

29 (D) creating and maintaining a state fiscal regime that
30 encourages private sector development of the state's energy resources;

31 (3) support energy research, education, and workforce development by

1 investing in

2 (A) training and education programs that address energy
3 conservation, efficiency, and availability, including programs that address
4 workforce development and workforce transition; and

5 (B) applied energy research and development of emerging
6 technologies, including university programs, to achieve reductions in state
7 energy costs and stimulate industry investment in the state;

8 (4) coordinate governmental functions

9 (A) by reviewing and streamlining regulatory processes and
10 balancing the economic costs of review with the level of review necessary to
11 protect the public interest;

12 (B) using one office or agency, as may be specified by law, to
13 serve as a clearinghouse in managing the state's energy-related functions to
14 avoid fragmentation and duplication and to increase effectiveness;

15 (C) by actively collaborating with federal agencies to achieve
16 the state's energy goals and to meet national emissions, renewable energy, and
17 energy production targets.